Crackers Stronger Than Last Season

Southern League Champions Counting on Copping Another Gonfalon-Many Regulars Return to Fold of the Frankmen for Coming Season.

ATLANTA, Ga., March ! " " In Charley Frank, president of the Crackers, and his manager, Bob " stills, were in town last week attending the meeting of the South and league directors a batch of inter esting news emanated from the Hotel Ansley, the scene of the gathering Both of the Cracker heads were free with their talk concerning the 1920 Atlanta outfit. It developed that Boss Frank has just about completed the array of talent that will represent the Georgia capital in the approaching campaign.

Despite the modification of the rookie rule. Frank seems to be in favor of carrying a flock of kids on his club. Of the Cracker championship team of 1919, ten men are back-Pitchers Boone, Roberts, Suggs. Thorburn and Sheehan in the box: Bob Higgins behind the plate; Harry Damrau and Scrappy Moore on the infield and Herndon and Mayer in

TWO PLAYERS RETURN.

Connie Mark recently sent Boone as toberts back to the club for further essenting. Connie still has ky Orlén, first-sacker; Lena Styles, catchered Galloway and Dykes, the keystens In addition to the above named mer-

In addition to the above named ther. Choily, has corralled a bunch of young-stern and a few veterans. Eddle Baccon, who pitched a game or two for the Crackers last seeson and then wan farmed, out to the Fally league, has been recalled for a spring tryout. Ralph Ledbetter, formerly with Little Rock and Mobile, has been added to the roster.

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Bob Higgins has picked up a young hurler named "Bulk" Durbam, who fried out with Chattanooga last year when Higgins was with that club. Bob says he's a wonder and should make soos this year. Another pair of collegians, whose names Frank refuses to divulge, have been taken on for pitching trials. Higgins will have three young catchers on hand to try for the Accond string place left vacant by the departure of Styles. Two of these newcomers are from New Orleans, Bob announces, but he will not name them. It was whispered around haseball headquarters that C. Frank will obtain Burrus, a young first baseman, from the Athletes. Connie is sweet on Ivy Griffin and expects him to make good on the initial corner, so in the event that happens, he would not need Burrus, and Cholly hopes to land this plum. Burrus is from the Sally league and is called a great young piayer filling Carpenter, the umpire, has recommended a man to Cholly, who may be given a trial. In case Burrus is not secured and the youngsters fall to make good. Sammy Mayer probably will be worked at first base.

First Of Series On Prospects Of S. L. Ball Teams

accompanying article is the first of a series upon the relative strength of the eight Southern strength of the eight boutnern league ball clubs as they stack up now. Just as the spring training season is about to begin. The rosters of each club will be given and every interesting detail will be brought out which will give the fans an insight as to how the eight clubs will go to the post. The champion Atlanta Crackers are given today. The Little Rock Travelers will be given Friday.—Sporting Editor.

Harry Damrab, the veteran of 1919, will be back on third. A youngster marned Milkweed, just out of khakl, has been signed for a third base trial, but it is very unlikely that he will beat l'amran out.

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MOORE AT SECOND BASE.

"Scrappy" Moore will be tried at second base, with probably another man fighting him for the job. At short Zippy King, formerly of Camp Wheeler, who started on the same team with Sugge and Griffin, will hold forth, unless Galloway is returned by the Athletics. Zippy was sent to the Sally league for further seasoning last year.

Hal Chase Jumps the Giants for Movie Job

NEW YORK, March 4.—Hal Chase, unsigned centract to the New York conce prince of first basemen, has club. Heinic was not among the playing into the movies.

Lumed his back on baseball. He is govern who left here for Texas via St. Louis. It is believed he will be traded York Glants got under way have to some other club.

Senators' Prospects Question Box For 1920 Year Good

"Old Fox," as Magnate Mana ger, Will Put Strong Team in Pennant Race-Veterans Numerous, But Recruit Crop Promising-Johnson Again Mainstay

NEW YORK, March 3.-Clark Grif-fielding strength when they swing into

Young Infielders.

Not Promising.

As a team, the Senators may find it difficult to maintain a fast enough pace to keen them as high as fourth place, though they are not at all a had looking combination. But it most be figured that such clubs as the White Sox, Indians, Yanks and Browns will stand in the way of Griffith's entry and that the Detroit Tigers are not to be sneezed at this senson, Griff's team on paper, is something of a dark horse.

M. A. A. Basketball WILDE DEFEATS





BILL WAMBSGANSS

originally Bill was headed for the ministry.

Bill is a native of the 46wn in which he's playing ball now was born there. When he was about a year old his tolks moved to Fort Wayne, Ind. Wamby started playing ball when he entered Concordia college, a pre-caratory school to Concordia seminary, where Hill was to get the finishing touches for the church position. Wamby was 12 then, He started as a second baseman. In 1913, shortly before he was to be ordained, Bill decided that baseball effered him a more brilliant future than the church and signed up with the Cedar Rapids club in the Central association. He batted 247 that year and the next season stepped into the charmed circle, batting 217 Bate Myers, then a Cleveland scout, liked Bill's looks and persuaded Cleveland to buy him for \$1.250 and two dayers.

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His first two seasons with the Cleveland club he falled to hit well, but he
showed such promise as a fleider that
the Indians retused to let him go, alahager Fold sort of planned to farm amby out to New Orleans for a sea-m. Wamby looked so good, though, the spring games that Fold refused send him to New Orleans in ex-tange for Cotton Knaupp, Pelican star, was then attracting attention

Great Game of Basketball Is Promised When Two Crack Aggregations Square Off for Action on Memphis Floor.

The Memphis Y. M. C. A. basketball

While the advance squad of the New York Giants got under way here for San Antonio, where they enter spring training, Chase was speeding westward toward Los Angeles to take up the alent drams.

Friends of the great first baseman said today that it is highly improbable that he can be lured back to the diamond. He is reported to have received as contract calling for more salary than he received tast year, but he failed to return it to the Giants and nothing has been heard from him personally at Giant headquirters.

Coapled with Chase's unexpected move came the announcement that Helnie Zimmerman has returned his team.

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The members of the Giants who made up the advance squad leaving New York were joined to not be players and still others will go to San Antonio from their homes. Manager blayers and still others will go to San Antonio from their homes. Manager blayers and still others will go to San Antonio from their homes. Manager blayers and still others will go to San Antonio from their homes. Manager blayers and still others will go to San Antonio from their homes. Manager blayers and still others will go to San Antonio from their homes. Manager blayers and still others will go to San Antonio from their homes. Manager blayers and still others will go to San Antonio from their homes. Manager blayers and still others will go to San Antonio from their homes. Manager blayers and still others will be preceded by a preliminary game will be preceded by a grady of the weeks Jonesboro the couple of the San Antonio from their homes. Manager blayers and still others will go to San Antonio from their homes. Manager blayers and still others will go to San Antonio from their homes. Manager blayers and still others will go to San Antonio from their homes. San Antonio from their homes. Manager blayers and still othe

Tom Marshall's

end of a barrol make a gun shoot any barder? Will a 18-gauge, please answer explicitly as I have a dinner wager with a friend to be settled by your answer. Read your articles here.

DAN H. TWILLING.

Everett, Wash.

Prior to the discovery of the micrometer and other instruments or devices for accurate measurements, gauge was estimated by the number of spherical balls of lead exactly fitted to the cylinder-bored guns, then weighed up and the number of hullets to the pound represented the gauge. This in ye olden days. No, an additional inch on the end of a gun barrel would not make it shoot harder, it might balance up the gun against too rapid handling. It is not my province to settle wagers, it only pits one in bad. Your query is a very difficult one to answer as you hake ne specification of loads. Advocates of the different gauges claim many long distance kills which are always recorded when a sufficient amount of lead or daylight is introduced ahead of birds flying at an excessive height. The halling of the bird is entirely due to the locality where the shot enters the body or breaks a bone.

CLARK ELECTED.

NEW YORK, March 4—J. Clark, Jr. 1 of Worcesies, Mass., was elected captains of the trapshooting team to regge sent the United States at the Clymbic games at the meeting here yesterday of the executive committee of the American Trapshooters' association. Aided by a special committee, he will choose the other members of the team.

The Sporting By Bob Pigue

SHADES OF FRED BRATCHI! LISTEN TO THIS!

Right-handed hitters who used to come to Memphis, take one slant at the left field bleachers and then start counting how many home runs they were going to drop over into the cullud section, will no longer have that tempting stand to shoot at The reason? The bleachers have already been torn down and will be removed to right field. Left fielders who formerly ran back against the bleachers and then stood there to watch a drive sail over their heads and into the stands for a home run will now have a chance to climb the hill and take a chance on getting the ball.

The hill where the negro bleachers formerly were situated will be graded so left gardeners will have a chance to go after drives ticketed for the fence. The left field fence is to be moved back. So it begins to look now as if home run hitting in Memphis this season is going to be considerably curtailed; for the lion's share of four-base tickets were drives that looped over into the negro bleachers.

MOORE INJURES HAND.

CUBS GET STARTED

RIGHT FIELD BLEACHERS.

The sun-gods or biencherites will be stationed in right field this season. The left field bleachers that remain will be rovered and used as a payillion with half of it for negroes and the other half for white.

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Groundkeepers are busy at work resodding the diamond and massaging the
playing field getting it ready for the
Chicks, who are due to report 11 days
from now. There remains much work
to be done before the athletes can take
the field

Note where a recruit shortstop is to report to Manager Roy Eliam of the Nashville Vols, for a tryout with the Vols.

With Roy the club's regular short-stopper, this youngster has a grand chance to land a regular berth, hasn't

HEISMAN'S RULES. John Heisman, late of Georgia Tech

John Heisman, late of Georgia Tech, now of Pennsylvania, has offered several suggestions relative to a change in football rules, which, if adopted, will revolutionize the gridiron game.

Among Heisman's suggestions is one which would change the scoring of points, giving four points for balls loss within five yards of the opponents' goal line, three points inside the 10-yard line and two points within the 29-yard line. It is pointed out by Heisman that in this way there would be no tie games where one team distinctly outplayed the other.

ther.
The Pennsy mentor also favors a sub-The Pennsy mentor also favors a substitution of a certain number of plays instead of the regular periods now in effect. This would cure the evil of stalling, which is apparent many times during a season.

The suggestions will probably be taken up at the next meeting of the gridron authorities and the chances are excellent for their adoption, for they embrace improvements that football could very well incorporate into its code.

All Fred Fulton lacks as a fighter is

HOW ABOUT IT?

Jack Johnson wants to return to the U. S. and serve his term in the federal pen. Jack Dempsey is in a fog and may also get a one-way ticket to Atlanta or Fort Leavenworth.

Why not match the pair for the heavyweight championship of the federal pen?

Muddy Ruel, ex-Chick catcher, now star maskman of the New York Yanks, drops a card from Jacksonville, where the Yanks are training, saying that he is rapidly getting rid of the kinks in his throwing arm and expects to be ready to throw out Ty Cobb, George Sisier and other American league speed demona within another couple of weeks. Muddy spent a couple of days in Memphis the carifer part of the week and reports are that Sam Vick, who accompanied him, had a hard time getting Muddy away from the Biuff City, which still holds a strong fascination for the brilliant young backstop.

HERMAN VS. KILBANE,

Pete Herman, at present king of the bantamweights, has designs upon the crown now sitting at a cocked angle upon the dome of Johnny Kilbane, featherweight champion. Herman is fast growing into a featherweight and Kilbane is skidding badly and will soon be ready to call it a career, so Herman has decided that he might as well flop over into the featherweight ranks and

over into the featherweight ranks and take Kilbane's cushioned seat on the feather throne. Herman has been finding it more and more difficult for the past few months to some down anywhere near the ban-tamweight figure. As a matter of fact, tamweight figure. As a matter of fact, Herman has not been a legitimate bantamweight for a number of weeks, and it has required a great amount of effort on his part to keep from weighing in as a feather.

Pete plans to give the entire bantamoutfit a crack at his title, and if they fall to win it, he'll make the flop over into the ranks of the feathers and bequeath his title to some good hantam.

queath his title to some good bantam, perhaps Pal Moore. Herman has already challenged Kil-bane for a match, and expects to re-move Johnny's crown once he backs off for action against the present king of

Benny Leonard, lightweight champion, is becoming heavier with the days and the time is but a few short jumps away until he has to admit that he can no longer qualify as a legitimate lightweight. Henry is easily a 14-pounder and seeing the transwriting on the wall, he is making resily to go out after some of the middleweights to try himself out, as a middle. Leon-



Cleaners and Pressers



The sport critics and fans who have been watching Mungsy McGraw's Giant lan closely the last few seasons are of the oninon that one George Kelly, ank, lean Californian, is about ripe to make a bid for first basing honors in he National league—which still holds tal Chase and a couple of other nifty list sackers.

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Kelly has been under McGraw's wing forf several seasons. The lad is a native of San Francisco and is a nephew of the famous old star. Bill Lange.

George played on the Pacific coast in the early days of his career, the Giants obtaining him in the middle of 1915 season from the Victoria. B. C., club of the Northwestern league. Kelly had the rep of breaking all the outlying fences with terrific base hits.

McGraw kept hold of Kelly, farming him out to Rochester and allowing Pittsburgh to use him for a few weeks in an emergency. In 1917 Kelly was a bench warmer when the Giants copped the pennant. After the world's series he was called for war duty and he was in service during the next major league season. A year ago McGraw gave Kelly and four other players to Rochester for Catcher Earl Smith. Kelly had been playing the outfield mostly up to that time, but the Rochester leader stuck him on first and boys, how sweet he looked. He batted at a 300 clip, too, and laced out several of the long hits which gained him his rep.

McGraw has brought him back to the

Pal Moore Memphis bantamweight, failed to make his appearance in Bostom Tuesday night als per schedule against Young Dyson, New England bantle. The show was all arranged when Nate Lewis, Pal's manager, notified the promoters that Moore would be unable to appear owing to an injured hand which Pal is said to have hust training for the mill. Boston newspapers roundly panned Pal for his failure to put in his appearance and accused the Memphian of having cold feet. They went so far as to suggest that Pal be barred from appearing in Massachusetts arenas. Moore is at present in New York TO ENTER RING Moore is at present in New York city. He is booked to meet Pete Her-man, bantam champion, in Jersey City on March 15.

Jimmy Wilde, British flyweight, is anxious to meet Moore in a 10-round no-decision affair, but Pal prefers to meet the bloomin' Britisher in a decision go, as Moore is confident him and cop the decision.

ON SPRING TRAINING Dempsey has been training faily for several weeks with Bill Tate, his pegro sparring partner,

LOS ANGELES, Cal., March 4.—Jack Dempsey will enter the ring here to-norrow night for the first time since

morrow night for the first time since he won the heavyweight championship at Toledo July 4, last, to box a four-round exhibition with Terry Keller, of New York.

Jack Kearns, Dempsey's manager, in making the announcement last night, said Keller several years ago boxed to a draw with Dempsey. Keller also claims to have won a decision over Joe Backett, English heavyweight, when the latter was fighting under another name.

PASADENA. Cal. March 4.—Spring practice was started here yesterday by the Chicago National league baseball team. The diamond at Tournament park, the team's training quarters, was so damp that the members of the squad confined their efforts to bunting. Manager Fred Mitchell announced that Charlie Deal, third baseman, reported to have been a holdout, and Joe Newkirk, pitcher, signed contracts yesterday. Steve Martin, pitcher, and Dave Robertson, outfielder, are expected to join the squad today.

Dempsey Welcomes Trial in Open Court

LOS ANGELES, March 4.—Jack
Dempsey, world's heavyweight champion, declared today that he is glad of the opportunity to meet his accusers in open court to prove false the charges which the federal grand jury in San Francisco, according to report, deemed sufficient to warrant the returning of an indictment against him.

Both Kearns and Dempsey, according to the San Francisco report, must face a true bill on accusations that they conspired to enable Dempsey to elude the draft. Neither Demosey nor his manager has been officially notified of the action to be taken against them, but both were preparing today to fight the charges.

"I have fried to play the 'game square and am sorry I have become the target for attacks were made an open court, where all sides can be heard, will be welcomed by me.

"I have done no wrong and will go into court confident that my name will be cleared."

Jack Kearns, Dempsey's manager, said:

"There's nothing to it, but if the reports are true we will have to go to court and prove our side of the story. We can do this without trouble. I want to say, however, that enemies of mine and of Jack have brought this thing about., I do not mean that the grand Jury has been unfair, but it has been misled by false information.

"We will welcome any step that will give us a chance to prove that we are innocent. I am sure that there is nothing that can be held against either of us in any way. If Dempsey is guilty, then I am guilty."

SHARKEY AND ROY MOORE IN DRAW

ITALY TO ENTER.

eral of the long hits which gained him his rep.

McGraw has brought him back to the Giants and he'll report this spring. He's built just right for the job at first. He stands six feet four, has long arms and a husky pair of shoulders that enable him to snap the ball around fast—and lean on the old willow tree. too.

NEW YORK, March 4.—The title of the Aero Club of America to the international balloon trophy was challenged by another nation yesterday, when notification was received from the Boyal Aero club, of Italy, that it proposes to enter three teams in the context to be field in this country this year. Challenges already had been received from England, France and Belgium.

M'GRAW AND DOYLE **JOIN GIANT SQUAD**

DETROIT. Mich. March 4.—Jack Sharkey, of New York, and Roy Moore of St. Paul, fought le fast rounds here last night, at the end of which newspaper opinion was about equally divided. Sharkey landed stiff lefts to the head frequently during the early rounds, but his opponent took telling leads fater in the bout.

Sammy Sandow, of Cincinnati, outfought Sam Marino, of Milwaukee, by a wide margin.

In a six-round go Mickey Dillon, of Charleroi, Pa., had the better of Jack McFarland, of Milwaukee.

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, March 4.—John McGraw, manager of the New York National league baseball team, arrived here late last night from Havana. Cuba, and today will assume active charge of the Giants' training. McGraw was accompanied from Cuba by Larry Doyle. The Giants and the San Antonio club, of the Texas league, will play exhibition games here Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

LARRY KOPF SIGNS

RED CONTRACT

CINCINNATI, Ohio, March 4.—Short-stop Larry Kopf late yesterday affixed his signature to a contract to play with the 1920 Cincianati National league

BRAVES BEGIN WORK.

chicago, March 4.—The signed contract of Claude "Lefty" Williams, southpaw pitcher of the Chicago Americans, was received yesterday.

COLUMBUS, Ga., March 4.—The first workout of the season was taken yesterday by the Boston Nationals squad on arrival here for spring training.

Manager Stallings and practically all the regulars and recruits already are here.

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